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THE TEXAS-MEXICO BORDER REGION: CLASSIC WORKS AND RECENT PUBLICATIONS

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This multidisciplinary bibliography of works on the Texas-Mexico border area reflects the continuing prominence of the region in national and binational affairs. Most were published in the 1990s, but a few classic works are also listed. The items represent the social and health sciences; the cultural aspects of art, music, folklore, and literature; sources for environmental studies, history, and economics; and the increasingly useful information available through electronic media. Most items, moreover, emphasize the Texas side of the border. Additional sources on these topics, and on the U.S.-Mexico borderlands in general, can be found through the UT Libraries' [on-line catalog](#) using the following subject headings: U.S.—BOUNDARIES—MEXICO; MEXICO—BOUNDARIES—U.S.; MEXICAN-AMERICAN BORDER REGION, and specific U.S. or Mexican cities or states followed by subheadings, e.g., LAREDO (TEX.)—HISTORY, or MATAMOROS (COAHUILA, MEXICO)—ECONOMIC CONDITIONS. In addition to specific place names, broader terms such as RIO GRANDE VALLEY; SOUTHWEST, NEW; UNITED STATES—FOREIGN RELATIONS—MEXICO; or MEXICO—FOREIGN RELATIONS—UNITED STATES will lead to more information. Key word searches by subjects and titles may widen the net for relevant works. BiblioNoticias no. 70, *The Texas Mexican Border Region: Selected Sources*, compiled by Margo Gutiérrez in 1993, was the source for some of the entries in this bibliography.

Reference Sources

BiblioNoticias. Benson Latin American Collection, The General Libraries, The University of Texas at Austin. Austin, TX: The Collection, 1979-.

Recent numbers of this series that contain relevant material are: Mexican Americans in Texas: Notable Works, 1985-1989 (no. 55); Mexican American Music: Selected Sources (no. 74); Mexican Americans in Texas: Notable Works, 1990-1996 (no. 90); and *Latina and Latino Literature: Anthologies of the 1990s* (no. 95).

Z 1610 B53 LAC • Benson Collection stacks and reading room; also available at Public Affairs Library.

Jamail, Milton H., and Margo Gutiérrez. **The Border Guide: Institutions and Organizations of the United States-Mexico Borderlands.** 2nd ed., revised and updated. Austin: Center for Mexican American Studies, University of Texas at Austin, 1992.

Includes a narrative profile of the Texas-Mexico border: physical description, principal border crossings, economic activities, and issues affecting binational relations.

F 787 J35 1990 LAC • Mexican American Reference Collection

Schmidt, Samuel, and Gloria Macías, eds. **United States-Mexico Border Environmental Directory. Directorio ambiental fronterizo México-Estados Unidos.** 2nd ed. El Paso: Center for Interamerican and Border Studies, University of Texas at El Paso, 1995.

This edition lists public and private sector agencies from anywhere in both countries. The entries, arranged alphabetically by chief executive, give the agencies' goals, interests, projects, and means of disseminating information. Indexes are by personal names, states, and agencies.

TD 171.3 M48 U55 1995 LAC • Latin American Reference Collection

U.S.-Mexico Border Health Statistics. 6th ed. El Paso: U.S./Mexico Border Field Office, Pan American Health Organization, 1990.

Tables and other graphic material, along with text, present valuable information about health conditions on both sides of the border.

RA 446.5 M49 U7 1990 LAC • Mexican American Reference Collection

Valk, Barbara G., et al. **BorderLine: A Bibliography of the United States-Mexico Borderlands.** Los Angeles: Latin American Center, University of California; Riverside: University of California Consortium on Mexico and the United States, 1987.

This comprehensive multidisciplinary bibliography includes books, chapters of books, journal articles, manuscripts, government documents, conference proceedings, unpublished papers, maps, and audiovisual material. Arrangement is by broad subject area; author index.

Z 1251 M44 V35 1988 LAC • Mexican American Reference Collection; additional copy in Latin American Reference Collection

Art, Culture, Popular Culture, Music, and Folklore

Los artistas Chicanos del Valle de Tejas: Narradores de mitos y tradiciones; VII Festival Internacional de la Raza. Tijuana? El Festival, 1991.

Exhibitions of work by students who attended Texas A&M University-Kingsville during the 60s and 70s when the Chicano Movement was at its most radical stage.

The exhibits were held in Tijuana and Nuevo Laredo; they were organized by La Galería Sin Fronteras, Austin.

N 6538 M4 A78 1991 LAC • Benson Collection stacks

Drawing the Borderline: Artist-Explorers of the U.S.-Mexico Boundary Survey. [Exhibition catalog: Gray Sweeney, guest curator; John Grassham, curator of history.] Albuquerque: The Albuquerque Museum, 1996.

The catalog includes historical essays for an exhibit that gathered the works (esp. 1850-1853) of Bartlett, Pratt, and Eastman. Texas sites represented are Delaware Creek; the Pecos and Devil's rivers; the Guadalupe and Waco mountains; and El Paso, San Elizario, and Paso del Norte.

F 787 D7 1996 LAC • Benson Collection stacks

La Frontera/The Border: Art About the Mexico/United States Border Experience. Patricio Chávez and Madeleine Grynszteyn, curators; Kathryn Kanjo, exhibition and catalogue coordinator. San Diego: Centro Cultural de la Raza and Museum of Contemporary Art, 1993.

A comprehensive exhibition of "border art" by thirty-seven artists and artists' "collaboratives." Includes artists based in Texas at San Ygnacio, Brownsville, San Antonio, El Paso, Laredo, and Arlington.

N 6538 M4 F77 1993 LAC • Benson Collection stacks

Graham, Joe S., ed. Hecho en Tejas: Texas-Mexican Folk Arts and Crafts. Denton: University of North Texas Press, 1992.

Experts and artisans write authoritatively and lovingly on Mexican traditional arts and crafts, including piñata-making, quilting, paper flower-making, roadside crosses, and *grutas*. Laredo, Presidio, Zapata and Starr are among the border cities and counties featured.

NK 839.3 M4 H4 1991 LAC • Benson Collection stacks

Paredes, Américo. Folklore and Culture on the Texas-Mexican Border. Edited by and with an introduction by Richard Bauman. Austin: CMAS Books, Center for Mexican American Studies, University of Texas at Austin, 1993.

A collection of eleven previously published essays (1958-1987) which, in sum, "give the reader a clear sense of the problems that have engaged [don Américo's] intellect and of the rigor, elegance, and staying power of his scholarship." Includes a helpful bibliography of his writings.

GR 110 T5 P28 1993 LAC • Benson Collection stacks

_____. A Texas-Mexican *Cancionero*: Folksongs of the Lower Border. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1976.

"A songbook and a representative collection of the folksong corpus of ... the Lower Rio Grande border at a particular period in history (1750-1960)."

M 1668.4 T49 LAC • Benson Collection stacks

_____. *"With His Pistol in His Hand": A Border Ballad and Its Hero.* Austin: University of Texas Press, 1958.

A classic study of the Texas-Mexico border region and its culture by way of a Mexican corrido and a folk hero, Gregorio Cortez.

PQ 7297 A1 C63 LAC • Benson Collection stacks

Peña, Manuel H. The Texas-Mexican Conjunto: History of a Working-Class Music. Austin: University of Texas Press, 1985.
The definitive work to date on conjunto or norteño music, a popular expression that comes straight from South Texas and northern Mexico.
ML 3481 P46 1985 LAC • Benson Collection stacks

Saldívar, José David. Border Matters: Remapping American Cultural Studies. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1997.
"This book locates the study of Chicano/a literature in a broad cultural framework, going beyond literature to ... folklore, music, and video performance art. Additionally, it looks at the recent theorizing about the U.S.-Mexico border zone."
F 787 S19 1997 LAC • Benson Collection stacks; additional copy at PCL

Songs of the Homeland: History of Tejano Music. A production of Galán Productions. Producer-director, Héctor Galán. Narrator: Freddy Fender. Princeton, NJ: Films for the Humanities & Sciences, 1998. Videocassette (VHS, 57 min.).
The film, originally made in 1995, describes the history of Tejano music in South Texas.
VIDCASS 6241 LAC • Rare Books Reading Room; additional copy at UGL

Literary and Cultural Expression

The Border: Human Destinies and the Great River. [Special issue of *Texas Journal of Ideas, History and Culture*, vol. 20, no. 1.] Austin: Texas Council for the Humanities, 1997.
Lively articles illustrated with black and white photographs discuss the Texas border with particular reference to Laredo and the Lower Rio Grande Valley.
F 395 M5 B67 1997 LAC • Benson Collection stacks

Fleischmann, Jessica. "The U.S.-Mexico Border in the U.S. Press, 1980-1992: Image, Identification, and Identity." Thesis (M.A.). University of Chicago, 1992.
The author analyzes the journalistic portrayals of the border since it "serves ... for investigation into the dynamics of North American popular perceptions of Mexico." Special notice is made of the El Paso-Ciudad Juárez area. A bibliographical essay summarizes the significant literature.
PN 4888 M49 F54 1992 LAC-Z • Rare Books Reading Room

Klahn, Norma. "Writing the Border: The Languages and Limits of Representation." In *Common Border, Uncommon Paths: Race, Culture, and National Identity in U.S.-Mexican Relations*, edited by Jaime O. Rodríguez and Kathryn Vincent. Wilmington, DE: Scholarly Resources, 1997.
"This essay concentrates on the way Anglo Americans have invented and constructed both Mexicans and themselves textually over the last 150 years." It includes reference to the Lower Rio Grande Valley.
E 183.8 M6 C64 1997 LAC • Benson Collection stacks

Miller, Tom. On the Border: Portraits of America's Southwestern Frontier. 3rd printing. Tucson, AZ: University of Arizona Press, 1992.

This classic work of the author's journey along the border from the tip of Texas to California was first published in 1981 and it is now also available in Spanish and French editions. He captured life in Texas and the adjoining Mexican states: its places, people, and problems.

F 787 M54 1992 PCL • Earlier eds. available in Benson Collection stacks and at PCL

Environment

Biodiversity Protection in the Texas-Mexico Border Region. Austin: Texas Center for Policy Studies, 1993.

The study highlights the biological diversity of the subject area and considers "the legal and political framework for establishing protected areas in Mexico and Texas."

QH 75 B558 1993 LAC • Benson Collection stacks

Eaton, David J. and David Hurlbut. Challenges in the Binational Management of Water Resources in the Rio Grande/Río Bravo. Policy Report no. 2. Austin: U.S.-Mexican Policy Program, Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin, 1992.

The study presents conflicts and resolution efforts arising from this vital natural resource shared by the two countries.

TC 425 R56 E2 LAC • Benson Collection stacks

Kelly, Mary E. and Salvador Contreras. The 1994 Rio Grande Toxics Study: An Evaluation and User's Guide. Austin: Texas Center for Policy Studies; San Nicolás, Nuevo León: Bioconservación, A.C., 1995.

A technical and critical evaluation of the deficiencies of the *Binational Study Regarding the Presence of Toxic Substances in the Rio Grande/Rio Bravo ...* (1994).

TD 223.6 K455 1995 LAC • Benson Collection stacks

Rich, Jan Gilbreath. Planning the Border's Future: The Mexican-U.S. Integrated Border Environmental Plan. Austin: U.S.-Mexican Policy Studies Program, Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin, 1992.

An analysis of the plan formulated by the environmental protection agencies of both countries; much of the discussion, particularly on the water supply, environmental health, and colonias, is specific to the Texas-Mexican border.

HC 140 E5 R53 1992 LAC • Benson Collection stacks

Tanski, Janet and C. Richard Bath. Resolving Water Disputes Along the U.S.-Mexico Border: The Case of Paso del Norte. Las Cruces: Border Research Institute, New Mexico State University, 1995.

A brief consideration of water disputes involving Texas and New Mexico that describes the legal framework for their resolution. Prospects for binational management of shared water resources are also considered.

GB 665 T36 1995 LAC • Benson Collection stacks

History

Dunn, Timothy J. The Militarization of the U.S.-Mexico Border, 1978-1992: Low-Intensity Conflict Doctrine Comes Home. Austin: CMAS Books, University of Texas at Austin, 1996.

The author evaluates the results of measures by U.S. government agencies that address illegal immigration and the international drug traffic. A good index provides references to Texas cities.

F 787 D46 1996 LAC • Benson Collection stacks

García, Mario T. Desert Immigrants: The Mexicans of El Paso, 1880-1920. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 1981.

A history of the Mexican immigrants who settled in El Paso, the most important U.S. city on the border, at a time of unprecedented economic growth.

F 394 E4 G36 LAC • Benson Collection stacks

Hinojosa, Gilbert Miguel. A Borderlands Town in Transition: Laredo, 1755-1870. College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 1983.

This demographic history of Laredo examines military and political events that shaped changes in that community's development.

F 394 L2 H56 1983 LAC • Benson Collection stacks

Katz, Friedrich. The Life and Times of Pancho Villa. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 1998.

The definitive biography of Villa, the mythic hero who inspired many a tale and corrido, contains a superb synthesis of Chihuahuan social and political history. The events of revolutionary Mexico led to interaction with Texas-based companies, agents, and individuals. The appendix on archives is particularly noteworthy.

F 1234 V63 K38 1998 LAC • Benson Collection stacks

Kearney, Milo and Anthony Knopp. Border Cuates: A History of the U.S.-Mexican Twin Cities. Austin: Eakin Press, 1995.

A chronological history introduces the reader to the major border twin cities of San Diego-Tijuana, Laredo-Nuevo Laredo, Calexico-Mexicali, El Paso-Juárez, McAllen-Reynosa, and Brownsville-Matamoros.

F 787 K43 1995 LAC • Benson Collection stacks

Klein, Alan M. Baseball on the Border: A Tale of Two Laredos. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1997.

This ethnographic study examines borderland identity and binational relations through baseball and how the twin cities of Laredo, Texas, and Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas have evolved.

GV 867.64 K54 1997 LAC • Benson Collection stacks

Lamborn, Alan C. and Stephen P. Mumme. Statecraft, Domestic Politics, and Foreign Policy Making: The El Chamizal Dispute. Boulder: Westview Press, 1988.

The authors analyze the political development of the treaty ratified in 1963 after

more than fifty years of disagreement. They offer new archival research from documents dated after 1940.

F 786 L28 1988 LAC • Benson Collection stacks; additional copy at PCL

Martínez, Oscar J. Troublesome Border. Tucson: University of Arizona Press, 1988. The book provides historical, cultural, and some statistical information on border cities by examining conflict "topics that illuminate past and contemporary relationships in the borderlands." Texas border cities are cited in the index.

F 786 M42 1988 LAC • Benson Collection stacks; additional copy at UGL

Martínez, Oscar J., ed. The U.S.-Mexico Borderlands: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives. Wilmington, DE: Scholarly Resources, 1996.

A collection of excerpts and reprints from various printed sources that concentrate on the region's history and economy. The index provides references to El Paso, Eagle Pass, and Crystal City.

F 786 U13 1996 LAC • Benson Collection stacks

Samponaro, Frank N., and Paul J. Vanderwood. War Scare on the Rio Grande: Robert Runyon's Photographs of the Border Conflict, 1913-1916. Austin: Texas State Historical Association, 1992.

A selection from the collection at the Center for American History, UT-Austin, that covers the South Texas border area. *See also* Electronic Information Sources (below).

F 391 S225 1991 LAC • Benson Collection stacks; additional copies at PCL

Salazar, Ruben. Border Correspondent: Selected Writings, 1955-1970. Edited and with an introduction by Mario T. García. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1995.

The work of Salazar, a man taken by the Mexican American community as one of its martyrs, is reproduced. It includes three path-breaking articles while he was an El Paso newspaper correspondent (1955-1956).

F 787 S18 1995 LAC • Benson Collection stacks

Stern, Alexandra Minna. "Buildings, Boundaries, and Blood: Medicalization and Nation-Building on the U.S.-Mexico Border, 1910-1930." *Hispanic American Historical Review* 79:1 (February 1999), 41-81.

The author describes the effects of limiting access to Mexican nationals at El Paso for reasons of health and cleanliness. This example and others defined the border spatially and forced eugenics and the U.S. political climate to deal with a race that was non-white and non-black.

F 1401 H66 LAC • Benson Collection stacks

Thompson, Jerry. Warm Weather & Bad Whiskey: The 1886 Laredo Election Riot. El Paso: Texas Western Press, University of Texas at El Paso, 1991.

A fascinating account of a bloody political feud between Laredo's *botas* and *guaraches*. The dispute paved the way for the Independent Club, "the most powerful political machine on the Texas-Mexican Border."

F 394 L2 T47 1991 LAC • Benson Collection stacks

Timmons, W.H. El Paso: A Borderlands History. El Paso: Texas Western Press, University of Texas at El Paso, 1990.

A general historical survey; includes chapters on the Mexican period and Ciudad Juárez.

F 394 E4 T56 1990 LAC • Benson Collections stacks

Utley, Robert Marshall. Changing Course: The International Boundary, United States and Mexico, 1848-1963. Tucson: Southwest Parks and Monuments Association, 1996.

The author succinctly summarizes events that led to the Chamizal Treaty (1963) that resolved the Texas-Mexican border. The work is amply illustrated.

F 786 U85 1996 LAC • Benson Collection stacks

Commerce, Trade, and Transportation

Rich, Jan Gilbreath and David Hurlbut. Free Trade with Mexico: What's In It For Texas? U.S.-Mexican Policy Studies Program Report no. 1. Austin: LBJ School of Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin, 1992.

An analysis of the program that includes a concise chapter on the economy of the Texas-Mexico border.

HF 1475 T4 R52 1992 LAC • Benson Collection stacks

Texas-Mexico Transborder Transportation System: Regulatory and Infrastructure Obstacles to Free Trade: A Report. Policy Research Project Report no. 98. Austin: LBJ School of Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin, 1991.

The work "provide[s] a comprehensive overview of the Texas-Mexico transborder transportation system" in the context of increasing bilateral trade and infrastructure improvements.

HE 192.55 T48 1991 LAC • Benson Collection stacks

U.S.-Mexico Free Trade Agreement: Economic Impact on Texas: A Report. Austin: LBJ School of Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin, 1992.

This report, prepared by the LBJ School's Policy Research Project on the Impact on Texas of Free Trade with Mexico, includes a chapter on the Texas-Mexico border economy with special emphasis on retail sales and *maquiladora* manufacturing.

HF 1475 T4 U54 1992 LAC • Benson Collection stacks

Public Health

John G. Bruhn and Jeffrey E. Brandon, eds. Border Health: Challenges for the United States and Mexico. New York: Garland Pub., 1997.

A collection of essays that seeks to describe the challenges presented by the amalgam of two cultures relative to health issues resulting from pollution, economic development, and social contact. The index gives references to specific Texas cities,

agencies, and policies.

RA 446.5 M49 B665 1997 LAC • Benson Collection stacks; additional copy at PCL

Health Care across the Border: The Experience of U.S. Citizens in Mexico. Research project directed by David C. Warner and Kevin Reed. U.S.-Mexican Policy Report no. 4. Austin: Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, The University of Texas, 1993.

This exploratory report "was developed to examine health services in Mexico for U.S. citizens and residents and the use of U.S. services by residents of Mexico."

Among other concerns, it analyzes how services are paid and it provides information on the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas.

RA 187 H427 1993 LAC • Benson Collection stacks

Lower Rio Grande Valley Demographics and Health Statistics: 1994. Project staff: Rumaldo Z. Juárez and others. Edinburg: The University of Texas System, Texas-Mexico Border Health Coordination Office, The University of Texas-Pan American, 1994.

This report provides data to plan and to assess the health needs of border communities in the Lower Rio Grande Valley useful to the educational projects of the UT System of Health Affairs.

HB 934 R56 L69 1994 LAC • Benson Collection stacks

Power, J. Gerard, and Theresa Byrd. U.S.-Mexico Border Health: Issues for Regional and Migrant Populations. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 1998. The book is a compilation of fifteen research studies and practitioner reports on health concerns in the border region. Several of the reports focus on El Paso and Ciudad Juárez and on Texas programs for disease control and prevention.

RA 446.5 M49 U8 1998 LAC • Benson Collection stacks; additional copy at PCL

Revista de salud fronteriza. Journal of Border Health. vol. 1, no. 1, 1996-. El Paso, TX: United States-Mexico Border Health Association, 1996-. Quarterly; in Spanish or English, with abstract in the other language. Continues: *Border health. Salud fronteriza* (RA 446.5 M49 B674 LAC) Quarterly; text in English and Spanish on inverted pages.

Provides reports on health related issues germane to the U.S.-Mexican border with occasional articles specific to cities in Texas and in the contiguous Mexican states.

RA 446.5 M49 R48 LAC • Benson Collection stacks

Texas-Mexico Border County Demographics and Health Statistics: 1994. The University of Texas System Texas-Mexico Border Health Coordination Office, project staff, Rumaldo Z. Juárez and others. TMBHCO series report 94-95; no. 1. Edinburg, TX: The Office, 1994.

Statistical information gathered to address the UT System of Health Affairs' projects for educational instruction, research, clinical services, and public health education, especially in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

HB 3525 T4 T487 1994 LAC • Benson Collection stacks

Society and Economics

Betts, Dianne C., and Daniel J. Slottje with Jesús Vargas-García. Crisis on the Rio Grande: Poverty, Unemployment, and Economic Development on the Texas-Mexico Border. Boulder: Westview Press, 1994.

The authors attempt to characterize, quantify, and analyze the conditions and the causes under which people in the region live. It includes chapters on colonias, maquiladoras, and free trade.

HC 137 M46 B47 1994 LAC • Benson Collection stacks

Bowden, Charles. Juárez: The Laboratory of Our Future. Preface by Noam Chomsky; afterword by Eduardo Galeano; photographs by Javier Aguilar and others. New York: Aperture, 1998.

Narco-traffic, assassinations, poverty, and pollution are shown in brutal, oftentimes horrific photographs (1992-1997) that are accompanied by Bowden's hard-hitting text.

HN 120 C48 B69 1998 LAC • Benson Collection stacks

Byrd, Bobby and Susannah Mississippi Byrd, eds. The Late Great Mexican Border: Reports from a Disappearing Line. El Paso: Cinco Puntos Press, 1996.

A collection of essays that include discussions on the Texas-Mexican border in general, Laredo, and El Paso written by diverse citizens north of the border who document the unique border experience and the changes that have been occurring there.

F 787 L38 1996 LAC • Benson Collection stacks; additional copies at PCL, UGL, and the Center for American History

Dwyer, Augusta. On the Line: Life on the U.S.-Mexican Border. London: Latin American Bureau, 1994.

Conversations from interviews are woven into a crisp analysis to show "that the greatest border between peoples is not between nations, but between those who wield power and those who must suffer the consequences." The index provides many references to Texas and its border cities.

F 787 D98 1994 LAC • Benson Collection stacks; additional copy at UGL

Fatemi, Khosrow, ed. The Maquiladora Industry: Economic Solution or Problem? New York: Praeger, 1990.

A collection of essays that "focuses squarely on the controversial dimension of the maquilas." An index includes references to El Paso, Ciudad Juárez, Laredo, Nuevo Laredo, and Matamoros.

HD 9734 M42 M35 1990 LAC • Benson Collection stacks; additional copies at Public Affairs Library

Holz, Robert K. and Christopher Shane Davies. Third World Colonias: Lower Rio Grande Valley, Texas. Working paper no. 72. Austin: Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, The University of Texas, 1993.

"The study focuses ... on Cameron, Hidalgo and Willacy counties. [It is] concerned with defining colonias, assessing their total number in the study area, estimating

their populations, and examining socio-economic aspects of selected colonias."
HN 79 T42 R56 1993 LAC • Benson Collection stacks

Maril, Robert Lee. Living on the Edge of America: At Home on the Texas-Mexico Border. College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 1992.
An account of Maril's thirteen-year sojourn in the Lower Rio Grande Valley and the memorable people he encountered on both sides of the river.
HN 79 T42 R57 1992 LAC • Benson Collection stacks

Martínez, Oscar J. Border People: Life and Society in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands. Tucson & London: The University of Arizona Press, 1994.
The author's thesis is "that borderlanders live in a unique human environment shaped by physical distance from central areas and constant exposure to transnational processes." The work relies heavily on oral interviews, many conducted in the El Paso-Ciudad Juárez area.
F 787 M36 1994 LAC • Benson Collection stacks

Río Grande: La Frontera. Tom Spencer, producer and director. Narration and music, Tish Hinojosa. Austin: Capital of Texas Public Telecommunications Council: KLRU-TV, 1996. Videocassette (VHS, 56 min.).
The work describes the life, customs, and cultural interaction of people on both sides of the border between Texas and Mexico.
VIDCASS 6128 LAC-Z • Rare Books Reading Room

Nathan, Debbie. Women and Other Aliens: Essays from the U.S.-Mexico Border. El Paso: Cinco Puntos Press, 1991.
Human tragedy is the theme of the articles that appear in this volume, many of which take place in the El Paso-Ciudad Juárez and Big Bend regions.
F 395 M5 N38 1991 LAC • Benson Collection stacks

Peña, Devon G. The Terror of the Machine: Technology, Work, Gender, and Ecology on the U.S.-Mexico Border. Austin, CMAS Books, Center for Mexican American Studies, The University of Texas at Austin, 1997.
The author provides an extensive examination of the effects of the workplace (maquilas) on workers and their communities. The work includes references to Laredo, Nuevo Laredo, Matamoros, El Paso, and many organizations and political groups on both sides of the border.
HD 8119 M49 P46 1997 LAC • Benson Collection stacks

Ruiz, Ramón Eduardo. On the Rim of Mexico: Encounters of the Rich and Poor. Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 1998.
The author describes the economic and social life of Mexicans who live along the border from California to Texas. It includes a superb bibliography (unpublished papers, newspapers, books, articles, and pamphlets). A thorough index readily identifies Texas and Mexican towns.
E 183.8 M6 R83 1998 LAC • Benson Collection stacks; additional copy at PCL

Staudt, Kathleen A. Free Trade?: Informal Economies at the U.S.-Mexico Border. Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1998.
A case study of El Paso-Ciudad Juárez using multiple methodologies, but principally

that of anthropology, to understand the changing meaning of political and economic communities occasioned by the experience of living on a border.

HD 2346 U52 M497 1998 LAC • Benson Collection stacks; additional copy at PCL

Texas-Mexico Multimodal Transportation: A Report. By the Policy Research Project on Texas/Northern Mexico Infrastructure and Free Trade. Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs policy research project report no. 104. Project directors: Leigh B. Boske, Robert Harrison, Chandler Stolp, [and] Sidney Weintraub. [Austin:] Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, the University of Texas at Austin, 1993.

The work provides an analysis and recommendations for transportation rate changes in Texas affecting the shipment of goods bound for Mexico under NAFTA. HE 213 T4 T48 1993 LAC • Benson Collection stacks; additional copy at Public Affairs Library

Texas Center for Policy Studies. The Bridges of Cameron and Hidalgo Counties [Full Report]. Prepared by TCPS Executive Director Mary Kelly. Austin: Texas Center for Policy Studies, 1995.

The report considers the strained road and bridge infrastructure in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, and it assesses the often weakly supported alternatives proposed by locally elected officials and development interests.

HE 376 A2 T4 1995 LAC • Benson Collection stacks

Ward, Peter M. Colonias and Public Policy in Texas and Mexico: Urbanization by Stealth. Austin: University of Texas Press, 1999.

A comparative study between the formation of low-income housing areas on both sides of the Rio Grande. The author offers policy objectives to solve the problems associated with colonias in Texas that he believes must be enacted during the legislative sessions of 1999 and 2001.

HV 4045.5 T4 W371999 LAC • Benson Collection stacks; additional copy at PCL

Electronic Information Sources

Several indexes and databases reflecting issues related to the Texas-Mexico border are available to all library users on the UT Library Online (UTLOL) computer workstations. When accessed from outside of the General Libraries some databases require a valid UT ID. They are linked on the World Wide Web homepage of the Benson Latin American Collection (<http://legacy.lib.utexas.edu/Libs/Benson/index.htm>).

Chicano Database. Updated quarterly. 1967 to the present.

Records added since 1992 include the broader Latino experience: Puerto Ricans, Cuban Americans, and Central American immigrants. Portions of the Chicano Database have been published as the *Chicano Periodical Index* (1967-1988); *The Chicano Index*, of articles and books added since 1989; *Arte Chicano: A Comprehensive Annotated Bibliography of Chicano Art, 1965-1981*; *The Chicano Anthology: A Comprehensive Author, Title, and Subject Index to Chicano Anthologies*,

1965-1987; The Chicana Studies Index: Twenty Years of Gender Research, 1971-1991; and Hispanic Mental Health Research: A Reference Guide (1920-1980).

Handbook of Latin American Studies. 1935 to the present.

This U.S. Library of Congress compilation is an annotated bibliography of books, chapters in books, reports and articles in the humanities and social sciences, pertaining to Latin America.

Hispanic American Periodicals Index (HAPI). 1970 to the present.

HAPI is the premier periodical index in Latin American studies. It contains citations to scholarly journals that cover issues of interest to Latin Americanists or related to the U.S.-Mexico border or Spanish-speaking residents of the U.S.

Two websites, originating at The University of Texas at Austin are available to all users:

Border Cultures: Conjunto Music

<http://legacy.lib.utexas.edu/Libs/Benson/border/ConjuntoIndex.html>.

The links provide starting points for learning about the conjunto musical style: its history, cultural significance, and artistry.

Robert Runyon Photograph Collection of the South Texas Border Area

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/award97/txuhtml/runyhome.html>.

A collection that includes 8,000 items documenting the early 1900s on the history, growth, and development of South Texas and the border, the Mexican Revolution, and the U.S. military presence at Fort Brown and along the border prior to and during World War I.

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